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## Arizona House of Representatives

Representative Joanne Osborne (R-13)

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## With Deadline Approaching, Reps. Osborne, Teller & Andrade Urge Eligible Taxpayers to Apply for Refund from Native American Veterans Income Tax Settlement Fund

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative Joanne Osborne (R-13), vice chair of the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, today urged eligible taxpayers to apply for a refund from the Native American Veterans Income Tax Settlement Fund (NASF).

Native Americans who had state income taxes withheld from their active duty military pay while domiciled on their reservation from 1977 to 2005 are eligible to receive a refund from the NASF. If an affected Native American veteran is deceased, a surviving spouse or personal representative may make a claim for a refund.

The deadline for filing claims is December 31, 2019.

**“Native American veterans who had state income taxes improperly withheld deserve a refund, and I urge them to file a claim with the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services,”** said Representative Osborne. **“This issue was brought to my attention by a group of students, and I applaud them for working to ensure that eligible Native American veterans are aware of their right to a refund from the NASF.”**

**“I sincerely appreciate my colleague, Representative Osborne’s, effort to encourage Arizona’s Native American veterans to submit their paperwork and documentation to claim refunds,”** said Representative Arlando Teller (D-7). **“This is a first-come, first-serve opportunity, and I highly encourage Arizonan Tribal veterans to participate. I encourage Tribal Veteran Programs throughout Arizona to assist our older veteran population in submitting their claims properly.”**

**“As a Co-Chair of the Veteran Caucus and a veteran, I was proud to support the Native American Settlement Fund,”** said Representative Richard Andrade (D-29). **“Our Native American veterans who have served deserve to be refunded what was withheld from them. I strongly encourage them to apply for this settlement.”**

Additional information on the Native American Veterans Income Tax Settlement Fund can be found on the websites of the [Arizona Department of Veterans' Services](#) and the [Arizona Department of Revenue](#).

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